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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT JUNE 13 NAC, COUNCIL AGREED WITH US RESERVATION THAT OTTAWA RESTRICTED MEETING OF FONMINS WOULD OCCUR ON JUNE 18 IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH -- THAT IS AT APPROXIMATELY 1530 INSTEAD OF 1700. END SUMMARY

1. AT JUNE 13 EVENING NAC CONVENED TO DISCUSS THE NATO DECLARATION AND THE FORMAT FOR ITS PROMULGATION, LUNS RAISED OTHER UNRESOLVED ISSUES CONCERNING THE OTTAWA NATOMIN. REFERRING TO THE TIME FOR THE PRIVATE MEETING OF MINISTERS, LUNS SAID THAT AFTER REVIEWING ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST AN AFTERNOON INSTEAD OF A MORNING PRIVATE MEETING HE PERSONALLY FAVORED THE PRIVATE MEETING OCCURRING IN THE MORNING. OTHERWISE, HE THOUGHT THAT MINISTERS WOULD BE HANDICAPPED IN THEIR DISCUSSION OF OTHER EAST/WEST ISSUES BY NOT KNOWING DETAILS ABOUT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT. ADDITIONALLY, WITH SO MUCH INTEREST IN WHAT THE SECRETARY WOULD HAVE TO SAY ABOUT MOSCOW, HE FEARED A LATE AFTERNOON PRIVATE MEETING WOULD MEAN THAT THE MINISTERIAL WOULD CONTINUE ALL DAY
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ON THE 19TH RATHER THAN ENDING AFTER THE MORNING SESSION. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR (MENZIES) RESPONDED BY OUTLINING LOGISTICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFICULTIES MINISTERS WOULD ENCOUNTER IN MOVING FROM A PUBLIC OPENING CEREMONY DIRECTLY TO A

RESTRICTED MEETING.

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF ADVANTGAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES, CONSENSUS DEVELOPED FOR SCHEDULING THE PRIVATE MEETING DIRECTLY AFTER LUNCH. LUNS SUMMARIZED THE DISCUSSION SAYING THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT MINISTERS WOULD MEET IN REGULAR SESSION THE MORNING OF THE 18TH TO "CLEAN UP" THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION, AND ATTEND TO WHATEVER OTHER BUSINESS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. THEN, AFTER LUNCH THERE WOULD BE A PRIVATE MEETING OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR, FOLLOWED BY A SUBSEQUENT REGULAR SESSION TO CONTINUE WITH THE AGENDA FOR A LONG AS MINISTERS DESIRED. COUNCIL ALL AGREED BUT RUMSFELD EXPRESSED US RESERVATION.

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